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September 27, 2001

Mr. Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director
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RE: MASTER INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE CAROLINAS AND METROPOLITAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Pursuant to Section 252 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, United Telephone Company of the Carolinas ("United") and Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Carolina, Inc., hereby submit their Master Interconnection and Resale Agreement with an Effective Date of January 15, 2001, for approval by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. An original of the Agreement and one diskette containing a copy of the Agreement are enclosed.

Section 252 (e) of the Act provides that the Commission shall approve or reject the Agreement within 90 days after its submission. The Act provides that the Commission may reject an Agreement if the Commission finds that the Agreement or any portion discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not party to the Agreement, or that implementation of the Agreement or any portion would not be in the public interest. United and MetTel believe that neither of the foregoing conditions exist with respect to the Agreement they have negotiated. Accordingly, United and MetTel respectfully request that the Commission approve this Agreement.

Under cover of this letter a copy of the Agreement is being served upon MetTel and upon the Consumer Advocate.

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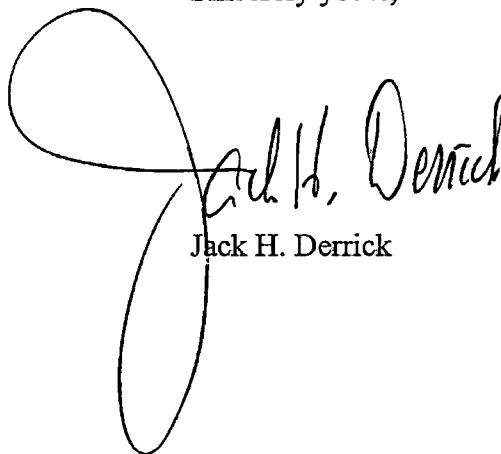
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United Telephone Company of the Carolinas is represented by Mr. Scott Elliott, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 721 Olive Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205 (803-771-0555) in this matter. Please contact either Mr. Elliott or me if there are any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack H. Derrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the left.

Jack H. Derrick

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**MASTER INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE AGREEMENT
FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

January 15, 2001

Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Carolina Inc.

and

United Telephone Company of the Carolinas

